



# **BOARD OF MEDICINE**

# **Open Session Minutes**

January 26, 2022 8:45 am – 9:49 am

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# **BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:**

"To **protect** and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of District of Columbia residents by **promoting** evidence-based best practices in health regulation, high standards of quality care and implementing policies that **prevent** adverse events."

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#### **BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	Absent
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	Absent
Aeva Gaymon-Doomes, MD (AGD)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (DC Health Designee)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
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BOARD STAFF:	
Arian Gibson, MS – Interim Associate Director	Absent
Aisha Nixon – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Kimberly Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer	Absent
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
VISITORS:	
Carl Filler - DC Health	
Heather Burris - CHA	
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Pia Duryea - MSDC	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items were discussed during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – 8:45 AM		
OS-22-01-01	INTRODUCTIONS	
ALL	A. BOARD MEMBERS	
	B. BOARD STAFF	

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-22-01-02 BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT

#### ALL

#### A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

- i. Informed the Board of an FSMB Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, February 1 at 6:00 PM.
- ii. Informed the Board that FSMB is inviting Board comments regarding their recently drafted policy on misinformation and disinformation related to Covid. FSMB also requests Board review of a statement drafted by the Ethics committee regarding sanctions for those that engage in the misinformation.
- iii. Informed the Board that Consumer member Tom Dawson has resigned from the Board, effective after this meeting.

#### B. INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

- i. The Executive Director Nixon announced that Dr. Lewis has selected Arian Gibson to temporarily serve as Frank Meyer's replacement as Interim Associate Director for the Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards.
- ii. The Executive Director described the current telework posture, and reported that staff will be returning to the previous schedule on 1/31/2022.

#### C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### i. COVID-19 Update

The Executive Director invited Heather Burris to provide an update on the District's response to COVID-19.

#### ii. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update

The Executive Director provided an update on current Board vacancies. She introduced Aeva Doomes, Psychiatrist who was present at this meeting, and stated one other member will be joining as of the February meeting. This leaves 2 physician vacancies, 2 consumer vacancies and the statutory member position to be filled.

#### iii. Licensure Census

The Executive Director provide an update on the current licensure census in the District. Total licensees is currently at 15,684. She also spoke on the status of Temporary licenses, and the pending reciprocity agreements between DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

ACUPUNCTURIST	160
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	106
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1187
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	325
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	22
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	957
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	11302
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	63
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	542
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1020
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	2
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	60
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	2
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	112
CHINESE HERBOLOGY	4
TOTAL	15,864

#### D. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

i. The Board attorney clarified some points regarding the temporary license process, such as the 90-day window.

# OS-22-01-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

# ALL **Board Action**:

The Board considered the Open Session minutes from the December 15, 2021 meeting.

# **Background:**

The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board's past meeting(s), describing the events, list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.

#### Motion:

Motion made by Mr. Rich to approve the Open Session minutes from the December 15, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Dr. Simpson.

#### Vote:

Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Dawson, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Doomes, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### OS-22-01-04

#### **OPEN CONSENT AGENDA**

#### ALL

#### **Board Action:**

The Board considered the current Open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.

### **Background:**

The Open Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.

#### Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Smith to approve the Open Session Consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.

#### Vote:

Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Dawson, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Doomes, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION TO CLOSE – 9:46 AM				
OS-22-01-05	MOTION TO CLOSE			
ALL	Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).			
	Background: Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:			
	<ol> <li>To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a);</li> </ol>			
	<ol> <li>Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> </ol>			
	3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);			
	<ol> <li>To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).</li> </ol>			
	Motion: At 9:49 AM, motion was made by Dr. Smith to end open session and move into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Raczynski.			
	Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Dawson, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Doomes, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.			

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MOTION TO A	ADJOURN	
OS-22-01-06	MOTION TO ADJOURN	
ALL	Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.	
	Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.	
	This motion was not made, as quorum was lost and the full meeting was not completed.	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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